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SUBJECT: FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL CLEARANCE

1. NOAA R/V MILLER FREEMAN, NOAA CHARTERED VESSELS HEIDI J AND NORE-DIC, AND CANADIAN VESSEL FREEPORT CHARTERED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA WILL BE ENGAGED IN A COOPERATIVE FISHERIES RESEARCH PROJECT FROM JULY 22 TO ABOUT AUGUST 5 OFF THE COASTS OF ALASKA AND BRITISH COLOMBIA. THE PROJECT WILL EXTEND FROM ABOUT 54 DEGREES N LATITUDE TO ABOUT 56 DEGREES N LATITUDE, AND WILL INVOLVE TRACK LINES GENERALLY PERPENDICULAR TO THE ISOBATHS AT 5 MILE INTERVALS. STATIONS WILL BE SELECTED ALONG THESE LINES BETWEEN 50 AND 250 FATHOMS. THE JOINT DATA BASE DEVELOPED WILL BE FURNISHED TO BOTH CANADA AND THE U.S. FOR SEPARATE SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS.

2. EMB SHOULD REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR OPERATIONS IN CANA-
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DIAN WATERS. NOTE SHOULD INDICATE THAT AT SAME TIME
CLEARANCE IS BEING GRANTED FOR FREEPORT TO OPERATE IN U.S.
WATERS.

3. EXCHANGE OF NOTES IS PRO FORMA. CLEARANCES ALREADY
ARRANGED PER TELECON 7/19 BETWEEN GEORGES LEGER (EXTAFF)

AND WILLIAM SULLIVAN (OES). LEGER PHONING WEST COAST
7/19 TO HAVE DIRECTOR GENERAL ISSUE LETTER STATING U.S.
OPERATIONS OK WHICH WILL SERVE IN EFFECT IN LIEW OF
LICENSE SINCE EXEMPTION FROM FISHERIES RESEARCH LICENSES
SUSPENDED ALONG WITH RECIPROCAL FISHERIES ARRANGEMENTS.

4. FYI: 50 FATHOM CONTOUR AS CLOSE AS ONE MILE TO
SHORE AT PLACES. VANCE

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